



PATENT
181-64200/P4998

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AF
2144

Application No.: 09/693,673

File Date: October 19, 2000

Inventors:

Thomas E. Saulpaugh
Gregory L. Slaughter
Eric Pouyoul

Title: Message Gates Using a Shared Transport in a Distributed Computing Environment

§ Examiner: Maniwang, Joseph R
§ Group/Art Unit: 2144
§ Atty. Dkt. No: 5181-64200

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.

Robert C. Kowert

Name of Registered Representative

 October 12, 2004
Signature Date

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop AF
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

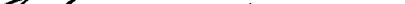
Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection dated May 14, 2004 of claims 1-24.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for filing this Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) (large entity) of \$340.00 to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-64200/RCK.

10/18/2004 HALI11 00000042 501505 09693673
01 FC:1401 340.00 DA

Respectfully submitted,



Robert C. Kowert
Reg. No. 39,255
ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANTS

Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C.
P.O. Box 398
Austin, TX 78767-0398
(512) 853-8800
Date: October 12, 2004